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SUBJ: ALLIANCE CONSULTATION DURING CONCLUDING PHASES OF SALT II

REF: USNATO 5042

1. CHIEF, NATO DISARMAMENT SECTION (PABSCH) CONTACTED DELOFF
SEPTEMBER 16 ABOUT STATEMENT IN SEPTEMBER 12 SALT CONSULTATIONS
BY ACTING SYG DE STAERCKE CALLING FOR EXPANDED ALLIED SALT
CONSULTATIONS DURING CONCLUDING PHASES OF SALT II NEGOTIATIONS
(PARA 41, REFTTEL).

2. PABSCH (PROTECT) PERSONALLY THOUGHT DE STAERCKE'S PROPOSAL WENT
TOO FAR GIVEN FACT THAT ALLIES SEEM SATISFIED WITH THE CONTENT AND
FREQUENCY OF ALLIANCE SALT CONSULTATIONS. PABSCH AGREED WITH
DELOFF'S OBSERVATION THAT, AS IN PAST, ALLIES SEEMED CONFIDENT
THAT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WOULD, AS HE HAD REPEATEDLY STATED,
CONSULT IN NATO WHENVER SALT DEVELOPMENTS WARRANTED. IN SEPTEMBER
12 CONSULTATION, US HAD ALSO RENEWED COMMITMENT TO CONSULT ON
ISSUES -- FBS, NON-TRANSFER/NON-CIRCUMVENTION -- THAT ARE OF
PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE EUROPEAN ALLIES.

3. PABSCH SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO RECOMMEND TO SYG LUNS
THAT HE NOT FOLLOW UP WITH US AS RECOMMENDED BY DE STAERCKE.
PABSCH COULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE CERTAIN THAT LUNS WOULD
FOLLOW HIS ADVICE OR THAT DE STAERCKE HIMSELF OR ANOTHER
PERMREP WOULD NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT AT PERMREPS LUNCH OR
IN OTHER ALLIANCE FORUM.

4. WE THANKED PABSCH FOR PREVIEWING FOR US HIS
RECOMMENDATION TO LUNS. BRUCE

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